

## **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT**

### **Application 2007-T-01 Capital Facilities and Transportation Element Updates ISSUE PAPER (REVISED JUNE 29, 2007)**

**DESCRIPTION:** Every two years the City updates the Capital Facilities Element (CFE) of the Comprehensive Plan to reflect changes that have been made in the City's Capital Facilities Plan (CFP), which is amended as part of the City's budget process. Concurrent changes are also made to the Transportation Element to reflect the currently adopted Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

#### **ISSUE SUMMARY:**

1. Which changes are necessary to ensure that the Comprehensive Plan is consistent with the currently adopted CFP?
2. Which changes are necessary to ensure that the Comprehensive Plan is consistent with the currently adopted TIP?

**RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:** Adopt the proposed changes to the Capital Facilities and Transportation Elements.

**ANALYSIS:** The function of the CFE of the Comprehensive Plan is to demonstrate that the City has the ability to finance anticipated growth in the near future. Although the Comprehensive Plan plans for growth over the next 20 years, the CFE demonstrates the ability to provide necessary urban services to support the next six years of growth. This ability is a key function of Growth Management.

An updated and accurate CFP and TIP are important in the operation of the City. Each year the City goes through an extensive budget process. At the end of this process, a CFP is adopted by the Council. The budget and the CFP show all sources of revenue and expenditure; the latter including both growth costs and operations budgets. In the CFE, only growth related costs are shown, along with the anticipated revenue sources to meet the expenditures. Similarly, the City adopts a six-year TIP each year that prioritizes all the transportation related projects and improvements for the next six years. Both the CFP and TIP are important documents that the City uses to demonstrate project support; it is often required for projects to be listed in these documents in order to receive state and federal funding.

In the attached documents, the CFE and the Transportation Element have been updated to reflect the most recently adopted CFP and TIP. This includes changes to the data tables that show anticipated revenues and expenditures, as well as adjustments to the text that describes this data. Some of the proposed amendments also reflect the changes and growth that have occurred in the past two years. For example, many of the maps and inventories had to be changed to reflect changes due to annexations, and the table showing growth targets and land use capacity has been updated to reflect the most current data from the City's Buildable Lands analysis. The proposed amendments are truly a housekeeping function, to ensure consistency between City documents, budgets, and policies.

**CAPACITY ANALYSIS:** The proposed changes do not result in any changes in land use capacity.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMPLIANCE:** Comprehensive Plan amendments must meet at least one of the four criteria in Renton Municipal Code section 4-9-020 G. This proposal eliminates conflicts with existing elements and policies. Each year the City adopts a new six-year TIP and six-year CFP. The proposed amendments ensure consistency between these policy and budget documents and the Comprehensive Plan. It also supports the Business Plan Goal to meet the service demands that contribute to the livability of the community by planning, developing, and maintaining quality services, infrastructure, and amenities. Consistent comprehensive planning, transportation planning, and capital facilities planning is an important step toward meeting service demands and maintaining quality service, infrastructure, and amenities.

**ZONING CONCURRENCY:** Not applicable.

**CONCLUSION:** Adopt these housekeeping amendments to the Capital Facilities and Transportation Elements to ensure consistency between the Comprehensive Plan and other adopted City plans and policies.